

December 14, 1922

GEORGE W. DEAN DIES SUDDENLY

FOUND DEAD IN BED EARLY
WEDNESDAY MORNING BY
MRS. F. L. DEAN

George W. Dean, an aged and highly respected citizen of this city, was found dead at his home early Wednesday morning when Mrs. F. L. Dean visited the cottage to attend to his daily wants. Mr. Dean was 85 years old at the time of his death.

A room partially filled with gas escaping from an open stove door, which Mr. Dean had attended some time during the night, was at first thought to be the cause of his death, but after an examination by doctors, they pronounced his death was from natural causes, principally old age.

Mr. Dean has made his home in Groton for the past eleven years, residing in a cottage across the street from his son, Frank. Although apparently always in the best of health, the infirmities of old age demanded more or less attention on the part of his son's household, and it was in attending to these duties that his body was found in bed, where he had apparently slipped off into the Last Great Sleep peacefully and with perfect tranquility.

During his residence in Groton, Mr. Dean led a peaceful life, rarely appearing on the streets, and moving about in his neighborhood inconspicuously. Those with whom he came in contact, learned to revere the old gentleman for a high sense of honor, and old-time courtesy, coupled with a steadfastness of purpose which endeared him to all who knew him.

The deceased came to Groton about 11 years ago, and during this period has resided in the little cottage across the street from his son. He moved here from Grand Meadows, Minn., where he made his home for a number of years prior to coming to Groton. He was born in Canada, and in 1866 was married. His wife died September 18, 1912. Eight children were born to this union, seven of whom are living. Those living to mourn his loss are four daughters and three sons: Frank Dean, of this city; H. W. Dean of Randolph, and Albert R. Dean of Stratford. The daughters are: Mrs. Emma Bentley and Mrs. Grace Loucks, of St. Cloud, Minn., and Mrs. Addie Lowry and Mrs. Mildred Wagner, of Big Timber, Mont.

Pending word from relatives no arrangements have been made for the funeral.